

## Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051

**Date: October 14, 2023**

**Time: 10:50am**

**Presiding Officer:** Tina Stemen with 4 members present.

The meeting was called to order and the opening ceremonies were conducted according to the ritual.

### **Roll call of Officers:**

**President:** Tina Stemen

**Sr. Vice President:** Denise Garcia

**Jr. Vice President:** Mike Walker

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Rachel Brown

**Chaplain:** Rita Christensen

**Conductor:** Rachel Brown - PROTEM

**Guard:** Carol Knutson

**Patriotic Instructor:** Carol Knutson

**Trustee #1:** Carol Knutson

**Trustee #2:** Mike Walker

**Trustee #3:** Rita Christensen

**Guests:**

### **Reading and referring of Petitions for Membership:**

*Mike White* - was able to join through his father and was voted on and approved today; *Charlene Cormier* was absent and am waiting on payment, *Deb Watts* - need all of her information to complete the application process.

**Presentation of Minutes:** Presentation of the minutes from the previous meeting will stand approved as corrected.

**Communications:**

1. Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership.
2. THI Dinner Information was sent via email by James Griffith and was forwarded to Carol Knutson.
3. Stand Down Information was sent via email by Steve Kjonass - VFW Dept of CO.

**Presentations of Treasurer's report (previous month):**

**\*Please note all checks may not have cleared\***

**General Fund: Balance last report: \$8,899.15**

**Deposits: \$292.00**

**Disbursements: \$92.10**

**Ending Balance: \$9,178.15**

**Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,828.01**

**Interest: .60**

**Ending Balance: \$4,828.61**

**Games Fund: Beginning balance: \$2,342.59**

**Deposits: \$0.00**

**Disbursements: \$0.00**

**Ending Balance: \$2,342.09**

**Presentation of Bills:**

NONE

**Committees**

**Americanism:**

**Buddy Poppy/National Home:**

**Program Chairman**

Carol Knutson

Denise Garcia

**Chaplain's Report:** Rita Christensen

Rita reported that Hildegard Russell has COVID and fell - went to the hospital for 5 days and rehab - she should be coming home today. If you can, please send her a card - Rachel will share her mailing address.

**Community Service Report:** R. Brown/T. Stemen

**Historian/Media Relations:** Tina Stemen

**Hospital:** Rita Christensen

**Legislative:** Rachel Brown

Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership. She continues to forward to members via email.

**Membership & Recruitment:** Mike Walker

Membership report: 206 continuous life members, 226-prior member total. Current total 210 - current percentage is 92.92%, paid percentage 92.92% as of 10/13/2023.

**Mentoring & Leadership:** Rita Christensen

**Scholarship:** Rachel Brown

**Veterans & Family Support:** Tina Stemen

**Youth Activities (VOD & PP):** D. Garcia/C. Knutson

Rachel Brown helped by sending out several emails to school counselors about VOD/PP - also asked Ron Reneker to post information to the Post FB page.

**Dept. President's Special Project:** Carol Archuleta

**Audit Report** Trustees (Quarterly)

**Unfinished Business:**

1. If you are available, please do not forget to help pack up the leftover items from the Barn Sale. Rita gave the treasurer \$78 today and we made a total of \$1,175.00

## **New Business:**

1. Discussion about the checkbook register balance - it has never coincided with the bank statement. Rachel has brought this to the attention of the Department Treasurer, Lennie Dolan. Lennie did advise her to bring the total forward so it is equal to the bank statement. Rachel was waiting to hear back in writing from her before doing this. Rita Christensen made a motion to update the checkbook register to agree with the bank statement; Denise Garcia seconded the motion; motion passed.
2. THI Dinner sign-up: **Nov 15, 2023 from 5:30-7:00pm at MCM Elegante Suites, 6450 N Academy Blvd, CS, CO 80918** Carol and Rita to make pasta w/meat sauce, Tina - bread & salad, Denise - dessert.
3. Buddy Poppies - Denise will see about a new location closer to town. Rachel suggested the King Soopers off of Austin Bluffs & Academy. It is a difficult time because of our meeting time on Saturday and that is also Veteran's Day. Discussed if we just want to set up on Friday, Nov 10th from 10-3pm and possibly after our meeting on Saturday - depending on who can help. We'll wait to hear from Denise about a location and go from there.

## **Good of the Order**

- Denise Garcia invited members to the Elk's Lodge to celebrate the New Year; more details to come.
- Rachel had some \$5 cards for sale for Alonzo's boy scout troop if anyone wanted any.
- Eric Veed had a serious surgery and it went OK; it was 7 hours long and was discharged today. Please keep him and Tami in your thoughts and prayers.
- Carol Knutson talked about being on the "**House Committee**" - we need to get organized and decide what exactly we want to do at the Post and how often.
  - The Post is 'distributing' jobs; they are looking to have a Kitchen Manager and a scheduler. New appliances have been ordered.
  - We discussed having pull tabs - we need to ensure they are secure and do we have a secure storage space? We don't know what that looks like just yet.
  - We want to for sure have dinner one time/month and host holiday meals.
  - Auxiliary will have access to ONE key to the Post.
  - Discussed inviting the Commander to our meetings to speak about updates and to also have Tina and/or Denise go to their meeting so we can advocate for what we want and show them we are willing to collaborate with them as much as we can.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting date:** November 11, 2023 @ 10:30 at VFW Post 4051

**Snacks for next meeting:** Tina Stemen

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

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Minutes approved/corrected as read